

New York, July 27, 1858.

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Your, enclosing Gerrit Smith's last letter, is just received. I am sorry to find, however, on a careful examination, that you have not yet returned my first letter to Mr. Smith. In a rather careless glance at the first package which you returned, I happened to see that a sheet ^{of one of my letters} was missing, but I made no inspection of the package as a whole, presuming it to be otherwise complete. Just now, however, when arranging the whole correspondence in order for transmission to Mr. May of Syracuse (who has asked for the reading), I find ~~to~~ my first

letter dated some time between May
15th & 25th, is missing. As the corres-
pondence has been seen by no one
here save Mr. Gay (who saw that par-
ticular letter before, not since it went
to Boston) and as I know that I
put the several packages in my
table drawer the very moment
they came from you, there can
be no mistake in my conclusion
that that letter is still in your
hands. It is not possible that I could
have ^{separated} ~~taken~~ that letter from the others,
since I have had no occasion to look
at it till now. All the rest of the
correspondence was in the place
where I had carefully laid it.

I am sorry to bother you
so much, but I must beg you
to do your best to hunt up ~~that~~ ^{the}

~~Other~~ missing letter. Mr. May & Mr.
McKim are both wanting to see the
correspondence.

I would be glad indeed
to go to the Abington & Milford
celebrations, for I am very weary
of confinement; but ^{it is} ~~too~~ difficult
~~is~~ to leave my post. Perhaps I may
be able, by a strong effort, to get
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Yours truly,

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